

March 12, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Deena Sheppard-Johnson, SR-6J  
Remedial Enforcement Support Section  
77 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Chemical Recovery Systems  
142 Locust Street, Elyria, Ohio (the "Site")

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are in receipt of your letter of March 2, 2001 concerning the above referenced Site.

During the past several days, we have conducted a detailed search of our files and records, and have made inquiries to our President, Vice President of Operations, and Chief Plant Engineer, as well as our environmental consulting firm and certain suppliers. We have been unable to find any information or documentation to indicate that Elyria Foundry Company ever sent anything to this Site. In addition, Elyria Foundry Company has never owned or operated this Site.

Our records go back to 1983, the year in which Gregg L. Foster bought certain assets of Elyria Foundry Company. He incorporated his business under the name "Ethan Foundries Company" on July 26, 1983. The name was changed to our current name in 1986. The owner of the foundry assets prior to July, 1983 was Chromalloy American Corporation, and according to our records, their address is 120 South Central Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, 63105.

Since it appears that the events of concern to you occurred prior to Elyria Foundry's existence, perhaps Chromalloy can provide the information you are seeking. As I indicated, we have no information or other reason to believe that Elyria Foundry Company ever disposed of anything at this Site, and we do not expect to discover anything to the contrary in the next thirty days. If your office has any information to the contrary, we request a copy of same. If we do discover any information, we will

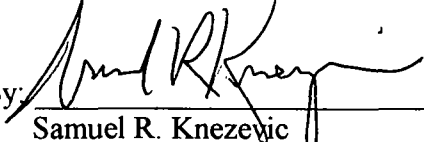
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advise you immediately. Otherwise, please consider this to be both our ten-day and thirty-day response as required in your letter.

If you require anything further, please feel free to call me at (440) 322-4657.

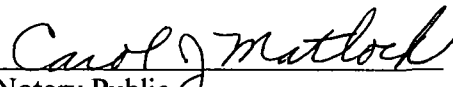
We hereby certify that all information contained in this letter is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ELYRIA FOUNDRY COMPANY

By:   
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Samuel R. Knezevic  
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

STATE OF OHIO           )  
COUNTY OF LORAIN    )

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, by Samuel R. Knezevic, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, this 12th day of March, 2001.

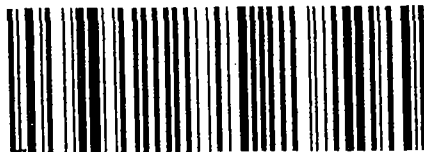
  
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CAROL J. MATLOCK  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
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